Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* If he pays the tax, I think he is entitled to the vote.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* I don't think that is correct. Now that the transfer of registry is delayed in the case of so large a number of persons, they are denied the vote. For example, under sub-division (v), there are 2,655 cases pending. These 2,665 persons are practically denied the vote by this delay.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I may say for the information of the House that in the sittings of the revising authority, if the party is enabled to produce the document in original or satisfy the revising authority that he is the owner of that land or if he produces the land revenue receipt, his name is always included in the electoral roll. That is invariably done.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* I know of many instances where it has been rejected by the revising authority. Therefore, Sir, in delaying these 3,000 cases, you are denying the vote to them.

Mr. President: The Diwan Peishkar has made a categorical statement that in the majority of cases the delay is not due to any action of his Department, but to the parties themselves, and that statement has to be accepted.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)* He says: "It must be" and not "It is".

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I said "it must be" in general with regard to the first three category of cases, *i.e.*, 83, 108 and 389, which have the longest pendency, because I have not scrutinised every case. With regard to this general statement; I still maintain that delay in 99 per cent of such cases is not due to our fault.

THOTTIPAL-KARUVANNUR ROAD—CONSTRUCTION OF—REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING

214. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of petitions received by Government from the Thottipal village Karshaka Samajam regarding the construction of the Thottipal-Karuvannur road during the last 3 years;

(*b*) have Government come to any decision in the matter; if so, what is it;

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(*c*) were the petitions sent to the Road Board for their recommendation: if so, what was their recommendation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) Two.

(*b*) and (*c*) The representations in the petitions were examined by the Road Board as directed by Government. The Board resolved that, if possible, the improvements to the Kurumali bund from the Chalakkudi Road to Thottippal may be done along with and as a part of the Konthipulam road work. The estimate of the Konthipulam road work itself has exceeded the Board provision. Hence Government decided to put off the work of improving Kurumali bund till funds become available.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ : സർ, ഈ ബണ്ടിലേക്ക എത്ര രൂപാ ഗവ മെന്റെ ചിലവുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്ന പറയാമൊ ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* This bund was constructed as a flood bank and I cannot say now what it has cost.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ : ഏകദേശം ഇരുപതിനായിരം രൂപാ വരെ ചിലവു ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ലെ ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ : ഇതൊരു ബണ്ടും ഒരു റോഡും ആയിരിക്കണമെന്ന ഉദ്ദേശത്തോട കൂടിയല്ലെ പണിതത് ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It was constructed primarily as a flood bank and people are making use of it as a foot path.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ : അല്ലല്ലൊ. അതിന്റെ മുകളിൽ വണ്ടി പോകത്തക്ക വിധത്തിൽ കല്ല വിരിക്കലും കൂടിയുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടല്ലൊ ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It was never designed fit for vehicular traffic. It is only about 8 or 10 feet wide.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ : പിന്നെ എന്തുദ്ദേശിച്ചാണ കല്ല വിരിച്ചത് ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I cannot say. Government have appreciated that this work would be useful for the people of Thottippal and even the Road Board members inspected this and in their report they said that, if possible, it may be improved.

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They did not consider this as a very essential piece of work at that time.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ : തൊട്ടിപ്പാലം വില്ലേജുകാക്കും ആ പുഴയുടെ അടുത്തുള്ള വില്ലേജുകാക്കും ഈ റോഡുണ്ടായാൽ വളരെ ഉപകാരമാണെന്നു ഗവ മെണ്ടു ധരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* If I may say so, that bund was later condemned as a bad work for prevention of floods. That bund did not last even for 2 years after its construction. People themselves cut open the bund.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ: ഇരുപതിനായിരം രൂപാ ചിലവുചെയ്തു ണ്ടാക്കീട്ടുള്ള ഈ ബണ്ടുകൊണ്ടു ഇപ്പോൾ ആക്കെങ്കിലും എന്തെങ്കിലും ഉപയോഗ മുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I can say that if I repair the bund now, it will again be cut opened next year.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ : ഈ ഒരു വഴിനന്നാക്കുവാൻ എത്രരൂപാ വേണ്ടിവരും ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* To make it a fairly comfortable foot-path it may cost about Rs. 5,000 or Rs. 6,000.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* When the Road Board decided or rather recommended that this work could be done along with the Konthipulam road work, what was the total estimate?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It was considerably lower than the actual estimates. I want notice for the exact figure.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* If I remember correct, it was Rs. 68,000.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The amount put down by the Road Board was much lower than the actual estimates.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* When the estimate was prepared it was almost double the amount put down by the Road Board. Therefore, the question was gone into thoroughly and finally the Road Board decided that this should be done along with the Konthipulam road.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Road Board considered the necessity for this road even in the very beginning and they thought that it can be postponed, but if it is possible to do the work out of tender savings from works done near that locality, it may be done.

ROAD BOARD—WORKS RECOMMENDED—COMPLETION OF

215. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) have all the works recommended by the Road Board been finished;

(*b*) if not, why not?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The Road Board suggestions are being worked according to programme.

(*b*) The Road Board programme is current for 1116 also; and it is expected that almost all the works can be completed this year.

AQUEDUCT IN ALOOR VILLAGE—CONDITION OF—COMPLAINTS REGARDING

216. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have received a copy of the resolutions passed at a meeting of the ryots of Aloor Village, Talappilli Taluk held in St. Joseph's School, Aloor on Sunday, the 14th Kanni, 1116; and if so,

(*b*) whether a copy of the resolutions be printed and placed on the table;

(*c*) whether the aqueduct referred to in the resolution has been completely repaired; and if not,

(*d*) what is the reason for not repairing it;

(*e*) whether the Chief Engineer has complied with the request of the ryots to visit the place and take necessary action to redress their grievances;

(*f*) whether the President of the meeting had sent a copy of the resolutions to the Chief Engineer; and if so,

(*g*) whether he had mentioned in his forwarding letter to the Chief Engineer that he would be willing to meet him at Aloor provided he was informed of the date on which the Chief Engineer would find it convenient to visit the place;

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